

REMARKS

1. Claims 32, 35-37, and 41-42 as currently amended are not believed to be anticipated by the Gaible '182 reference.

Claims 32 and 41 have been amended to recite "consisting of" in place of "comprising" to exclude the closure strips 218 and 220 of Gaible '182.

2. Claim 32 has been amended as discussed hereinabove to exclude the rubber band (or elastic fixing part 34a, FIG. 9) of Yanagisawa '527 and is believed to be patentable over the cited art.

3. Independent claims 32 and 41 as currently amended include a keyboard and accordingly, Claims 33 and 34 are believed to be patentable over the cited art in any appropriate combination.

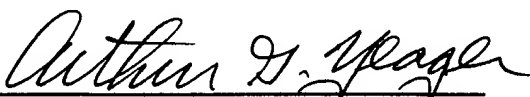
4. Claims 21 and 24-26 as currently amended are believed to be patentable over the prior art in any appropriate combination. Claim 21 as currently amended recites "consisting of" and is thereby not obvious in light of the cited art in any appropriate circumstances.

5. Claims 22 and 23 depend on Claim 21 (currently amended) and are believed to be patentable over the prior art in any appropriate combination.

6. Claims 21, 24-26 and 28-30 have been amended as discussed hereinabove and are believed to be patentable over the prior art in any appropriate combination.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested prior to any further action, to resolve any remaining issue, or to better define the application claims over the art of record.

Respectfully submitted,


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